Dewan.—The matter will be referred to the University.

SUBJECT No. 50

Backward and Depressed Class Scholarships.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore University.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya.—The Backward and Depressed Class Scholarships may be extended to other individuals also who are really backward, merit being taken into consideration for distinction in all classes and communities; but the scholarships may be fixed according to population. It is not possible to classify backward and depressed classes. There are some depressed classes who are not so classed.

Dewan.—I do not think there is much use in discussing this subject. The scholarships go to members of backward and depressed classes, the test being that such a community should not contain more than 5 per cent literate in English.

Mr. Abbas Khan.—I want to know whether these subjects were first discussed in the district. According to the constitution of the Representative Assembly, subjects sent by the members to be forwarded to the Government should first be discussed in a meeting presided over by the Deputy Commissioner. Every subject is discussed and all the subjects that have been voted for by a large majority are finally sent to the Government. Only such subjects come up for discussion before the Representative Assembly. These subjects I am sure, have not been brought up before the District Session of the Assembly.

Dewan.—According to the present arrangement, these subjects come up for discussion from the members in their individual capacity.

Mr. Abbas Khan.—If the representative of the University is entitled to send individual subjects, I request that the same concession may be extended to representatives of other recognised institutions as well. Other institutions are entitled to send only two subjects, whereas the representative of the University is entitled to send ten subjects. This difference is not fair. Similar concession may be extended to other Associations also. If my suggestion is accepted, the present constitution will have to be changed.

Dewan.—Your suggestion will be noted for consideration.

Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya.—The subjects I have sent to the Representative Assembly are not sent in my individual capacity as they have been approved by the University authorities. The rule that recognised institutions should send in only two subjects has been in vogue for 40 years.

SUBJECT No. 51

Contribution to the Tata Research Institute.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore University.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya.—The Mysore Government are paying a large contribution towards this Institute; but we have no idea as to how this contribution is utilised and what useful work is being done there. I therefore request that a statement giving all information may be placed on the table for the information of the members. This would serve a useful purpose in understanding how the Mysore contribution is being utilised.

Dewan.—The action taken by the Government regarding the Institute will be made public as soon as the Government of India passes orders on the various recommendations proposed by a Commission appointed recently